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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Workforce
Development

Introduced by:
(WFD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT STUDY
TEAM REPORT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 4-124w of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established an Office of Workforce Competitiveness
4 which shall be within the Office of Policy and Management, for
5 administrative purposes only.

6 (b) The office shall:

7 (1) Be the Governor's principal workforce development policy
8 advisor;

9 (2) Be the liaison between the Governor and any local, state or
10 federal organizations and entities with respect to workforce
11 development matters, including implementation of the Workforce
12 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended;

13 (3) Coordinate the workforce development activities of all state
14 agencies;

15 (4) Coordinate the state's implementation of the federal Workforce
16 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended,
17 and advise and assist the Governor with matters related to said act;

18 (5) Establish methods and procedures to ensure the maximum
19 involvement of members of the public, the legislature and local
20 officials in workforce development matters, including implementation
21 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to
22 time amended;

23 (6) Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, appoint such officials and
24 other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties of
25 the office;

26 (7) Enter into such contractual agreements, in accordance with
27 established procedures, as may be necessary to carry out the
28 provisions of public act 00-192*; [and]

29 (8) To the extent permitted by federal law, (A) oversee the
30 expenditure of all state and federal funds allocated to workforce
31 development programs and initiatives, including, but not limited to,
32 federal funds received under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998,
33 P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended, to ensure that such
34 expenditures are consistent with the Connecticut Employment and
35 Training Commission's state-wide policies relative to workforce
36 development, (B) carry out such state-wide policies, (C) jointly direct
37 the expenditure of such funds to implement such state-wide policies,
38 along with any other state or local agency or department to which such
39 funds have been appropriated or allocated, and (D) ensure full
40 functional integration and accountability of all education, employment
41 and training programs, activities and services operated at the state and
42 local level; and

43 [(8)] (9) Take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions
44 of public act 00-192*.

45 (c) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness may call upon any
46 office, department, board, commission or other agency of the state to
47 supply such reports, information and assistance as may be necessary
48 or appropriate in order to carry out the duties and requirements of the
49 Office for Workforce Competitiveness. Each officer or employee of
50 such office, department, board, commission or other agency of the
51 state is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Office of
52 Workforce Competitiveness and to furnish such reports, information
53 and assistance.

Statement of Purpose:

To consolidate oversight authority for major workforce development funding streams with the Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]